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In view Guinea's close association with Ghana and its tendency react sharply to any situation in Africa where it suspects "neo-colonialism" involved, Government of Guinea could be expected make strong propaganda attacks on US decision withhold from Ghana proffered assistance on Volta River project. Guinea press and radio, which heavily infiltrated by anti-Western and pro-Communist elements eager exploit any such opportunity, would decry, US action as further proof US attaches political strings to its aid. Would depict US as using aid to force Ghana away from neutralist path and; as in the case of Aswan Dam, reneging on offer when Nkrumah insisted on following own independent course. Possible however, Guinea might let issue die after few days since got fairly restrained in publicity it gives Ghana despite much touted solidarity. Indeed, may Guinean officials might be secretly pleased and relieved at setback to vital Ghanaian project in some respects competitive to Konkoure Dam on which Guinea has apparently still had no concrete proposals.

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